

Charles Ansbacher ('76-'77) is the Conductor of the Boston Landmarks Orchestra in Cambridge, MA.

David Aronberg ('00-'01) is suing Miss Cleo's Psychic Network as Florida Assistant Attorney General for Economic Crime and running for the State House of Representatives in West Palm Beach.

Tim Atkin ('94-'95) has been named by Federal Computer Week as one of the 100 individuals who made the greatest impact on federal information technology in 2001.

MAJGEN John Barry ('85-'86) has been assigned as Director of Plans and Operations, Air Force Material Command at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Drew Batavia ('90-'91) is a member of Florida International University's faculty, and serves as the Founding President of AUTONOMY, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing choices for people with disabilities.

Esther Benjamin ('99-'00) is Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the International Youth Foundation in Baltimore, MD.

Brenda Berkman ('96-'97) has been promoted to Captain in the New York City Fire Department.

BG Thomas Bostick ('89-'90) has been assigned as Assistant Division Commander, 1st Cavalry Division, at Ft Hood, TX.

Patricia Davis ('75-'76) has been named Senior Vice President, Wealth Management, ALLFIRST Bank in Washington, DC.

Gene Dewey ('68-'69) was recently sworn in as Assistant Secretary of State for Populations, Refugees, and Migration by Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

David Iglesias ('94-'95) has been sworn in as U.S. Attorney in Albuquerque, NM.

Stefanie Ferguson ('96-'97) has been appointed as a member of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research for the National Institute of Health by Secretary Tommy Thompson.

John Gallagher ('00-'01) is working in the office of the U.S. Attorney in Albuquerque, NM.

BG Scott Gratton ('82-'83) has been named Director, Regional Affairs, U.S. Air Force International Affairs at the Pentagon.

LTC Rich Hooker ('92-'93) is the Aide-de-Camp for the Secretary of the Army.

Katie Hong ('00-'01) is the Senior Policy Advisor to Mayor Greg Nichols in Seattle.

BG Frank Klotz ('82-'83) is Director of Defense Policy and Arms Control on the National Security Council in Washington, DC.

Jackie Lain ('99-'00) is the Associate Director for School Evaluation Services, Standard & Poor's, in Washington, DC.

John McKay ('89-'90) was sworn in as U.S. Attorney in Seattle.

BG David Melcher ('87-'88) has been named Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation, Office of the G-8, Headquarters U.S. Army, Washington, DC.

John Moellering ('73-'74) has sold his company, Lear Siegler, Inc., and plans to retire in the Research Triangle, NC area.

CDR Mark Montgomery ('98-'99) is the Commanding Officer of the USS McCAMPBELL (DDG 85) and home ported in San Diego, CA.

Ron Naples ('74-'75) has been awarded the Anti-Defamation League Torch of Liberty Award in Philadelphia, PA.

LTC Barrye Price ('99-'00) has been selected as the Executive Officer to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Personnel Policy.

Ann Ramsey-Jenkins ('72-'73) is Vice President and Treasurer of the Washington Education Foundation in Issaquah, WA.

Stefanie Sanford ('96-'97) is now Senior Policy Officer, Education and Libraries, for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Teresa Schwartz ('78-'79) is the President of the Board of the YWCA of the National Capital Area.

Mary Schiavo ('87-'88) become a partner in the law firm of Baum, Hedlund, Aristei, Guilford and Schiavo in Los Angeles, CA.

MG John R. Wood ('84-'85) has been assigned as the Commanding General of the U.S. Army's 2nd Infantry Division in Korea.

Diane Yu ('86-'87) is the Vice President and Chief of Staff of New York University in New York City.

WHF Alumni Visit Vietnam

Amazement, Nostalgia, Excitement, Fellowship, Inspiration, Sarah Barnes' watercolors, and Philanthropy all describe the recent trip to Vietnam taken by 21 White House Fellow alumni and their spouses in February.

Fellows met with high-ranking government officials, foreign investors, and factory managers who discussed the economic renaissance currently underway in Vietnam. These leaders briefed Fellows on statistics indicative of the country's progress, including a 92% literacy rate and Vietnam's status as the world's third largest exporter of rice. In Ho Chi Minh City, Fellows learned that foreign investors are building Saigon South - a metropolis which, when complete, will house more than a million inhabitants, an industrial zone and duty-free port, and a 36-hole golf course.

Four alumni, **John Borling ('74-'75)**, **Dick Klass ('70-'71)**, **Randy Jayne ('73-'74)**, and **Jack LeCuyer ('77-'78)**, who served in Vietnam as members of the U.S. forces during the Vietnam War found their return particularly nostalgic. They visited historic sites implicated with the fall of Saigon, including the famous tunnel complex of Cu Chi, Marble Mountain in Danang, the Imperial City of Hue, Highway 1 through Hai Van Pass, and the Hanoi Hilton, where **John Borling** spent 6 and 1/2 years as a prisoner of war.



The 2002 Vietnamese Trip WHF's with General Giap in Hanoi

Fellows also joined the nation-wide philanthropic efforts of **Kien Pham ('85-'86)**, a Vietnamese refugee and former Fellow who came to America in 1977. They visited **Kien's** orphanage for blind children in Ho Chi Minh City, and helped distribute presents to celebrate the Lunar New Year "Tet." In Danang, Fellows attended a ceremony that provided rough terrain wheelchairs to double amputees, many of them former ARVN soldiers. In Hanoi, they assisted **Kien** in awarding 60 college scholarships and traveled to an elementary school north of Hanoi that **Kien's** Vietnam Forum Foundation provided the bricks and mortar to build.

An emotional visit to the Hanoi Hilton followed, where **John Borling** shared personal stories on the trials and torturing of American POWs held there. In a subsequent meeting, General Giap, the victor over the French at Dien Bien Phu and the Americans in the South, explained his view on the Vietnamese victory in 1975.

The Fellows' last night in Vietnam coincided with the Lunar New Year. Each Fellow spent New Year's Eve with a local family in Hanoi sharing a festive Vietnamese meal, presenting children with red envelopes of "lucky money," and offering best wishes for the Year of the Horse. At midnight, they joined the celebratory throngs converging in Hanoi's streets to witness a tremendous fireworks display.

This year's trip to Vietnam revived a travel tradition that flourished among WHF alumni in the mid-1980s. A digital scrapbook of the trip is posted on the WHF Foundation homepage, www.whff.org, so that all alumni can share in what proved to be a unifying and enriching experience.

Planning for next year's trip to South Africa is already underway. Travel will take place in late February/early March and the cost of the trip will be approximately \$3,500. Keep an eye on your email accounts, snailmail, and the WHF newsletter for more details!

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White House Fellows Join Nation In Celebrating the Life of John W. Gardner

LEGACY

So John has won -- the good race run
With love and wisdom urging him along

Now others grasp batons he passed
Enduring presence urging us along.

In ranks committed across our land
Communities and Leaders stand.

We thank you John

John Borling ('74-'75)



John Gardner in the WHF Office in 1994

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Thirty Strong National Finalists Selected

SELECTION PROCESS IS A SUCCESS

In an unusual year and a challenging set of circumstances, we have selected thirty outstanding National Finalists. As you know, the White House mail service was stopped in October and did not begin again until March because of the Anthrax threat. While we took all possible steps to inform applicants of a new mailing address, many applicants still addressed their application to our White House address. Consequently, we still are receiving applications as I write this article and I expect to be receiving them for several more months. As many applicants realized they had not received a card from us verifying our receipt of their application, they called us and we asked them to fax their application and resend their references. We had all faxed applications read by alumni up until eight weeks after the deadline. Several applicants were selected as Regional Finalists and one was added to a Regional Panel after we already had begun our Regional Panels and is now a National Finalist. The good news is that in spite of these challenges, applications were read, Regional Panels ran well and we have thirty great National Finalists.

I would like to thank all of the alumni who served in Reading Groups as well as those who came in at the last minute to read the faxed applications: **Stuart Lemle ('77-'78)**, **Dennis Murphy ('92-'93)**, **John Borling ('74-'75)**, **David Moore ('96-'97)**, **Kathryn Allen ('00-'01)**, **Kathy Ward ('00-'01)** and **Jack LeCuyer ('77-'78)**. I also want to thank all of the alumni who served on our Regional Panels. The commitment shown to the program is greatly appreciated.

Selection Weekend is June 20-23 this year. I am pleased to

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A REPORT FROM

WHITEHOUSEFELLOWS

Speaking on behalf of fellow WHF alumni, **Bobbie Kilberg ('69-'70)** recalled a thought shared by **Tim Wirth ('67-'68)**; that John found a way to "bet on each of our futures." "He took personal interest in so many Fellows," she said, "and instilled a sense of values to strive for and a set of standards to live up to, partially for myself, but partially for him because he expected it of me."

Since the news of John's passing, White House Fellows from all classes have expressed their sympathies to John's widow, Aida, and their daughters, Francesca and Stephanie. Many alumni have made creative suggestions as to how they might pay tribute to John. A preliminary proposal, developed by members of the Association Board, has been distributed. Recommendations include making permanent our support for each new class of Fellows, creating opportunities

"Freedom and responsibility, liberty and duty. That's the deal."

John W. Gardner

to strengthen the alumni community of mutual support, and establishing an award to bring national attention to John's mission of mentoring future leaders.

The Gardner Family has received the proposal warmly. Francesca Gardner praised it as "wonderful. Mother is particularly strong on anything to bolster the alumni group and make it a force for the good of the country and a community for its members. That is what Dad wanted to see grow, a community that is ongoing, strong and motivated."

The process for refining our tribute to John is underway, and all Fellows are invited to participate in shaping the initiative. If you would like to be involved, please contact the WHF Foundation at whffdn@aol.com.

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announce that we have 14 new Commissioners who will be joining us. The full list of Commissioners is printed in this newsletter. We all look forward to our second (and first for some) Selection Weekend where we will choose the 2002-2003 class of White House Fellows.

PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS ARE IN PLACE

As most of you are aware, during my first eight months, I undertook an analysis of the White House Fellows Program, which included challenging every assumption about the Program. My objective was to analyze all of the issues and put in place the best program to meet the mission of the White House Fellows Program. This is a fluid process and will continue over the next several years. I completed the first phase of our work and wanted to provide you with a brief overview.

THE ANALYSIS OF THE PROGRAM WAS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Information gathered from meetings and conversations with, and written communications from approximately 200 alumni, 7 former Directors, 10 former Commissioners, the President of the White House Fellows Association, and several former Principals.
- A review of historical information on the Program.
- Research on similar programs to identify what we could learn from those programs to improve ours.
- My own personal experience with two different classes of Fellows, Regional Panel interviews and selection and the Commission's interviews and selection process.
- A survey of former Fellows.
- Many hours of discussion on the issues with Clay Johnson, Assistant to the President.

Not surprisingly, the efforts outlined above highlighted the many divergent alumni opinions of the Program and its mission. The research indicated that most alumni's experiences depended on their Director, their Principal, the President, and the make-up of their class. Therefore, when applicants seek information from former Fellows, they hear varied versions of what the program entails and thus have different expectations of the Program.

The results of my initial analysis indicate the need for clarity about the mission of the program and the roles and responsibilities of the Director, Fellows, Regional Panelists, Commissioners, Principals, and alumni. It was also apparent that there was a strong need for clarity on the actual

Program itself and what is entailed for a Fellow from the application process through finding a job after the Fellow leaves. Research also indicated the need for careful selection and Program guidelines to minimize the occurrence of the "errant Fellow" who may inflict damage to the Program through poor performance or unethical behavior.

During the course of the analysis, I implemented a number of enhancements to address the larger issues outlined in the paragraph above. The results of these enhancements implemented to date are:

- The 2001-2002 Class is functioning well as a class and learning from each other.
- The 2001-2002 Class and Program office are functioning well as a team.
- The placements are almost all good with Fellows having direct ongoing contact with their Principals.
- The Program is enjoying the support of the Administration. The "White House" is being brought back into the White House Fellows Program.
- The stature of the Program has been elevated as evidenced by a number of Principals recently starting to ask me how they can get a Fellow next year.

The specific enhancements that I have made to the program were provided to the WHF Association Board. I would be happy to provide them to anyone else who is interested. While we still have more work to do, I believe much progress has been made.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND RECRUITING PLAN IS COMPLETED

We are ready to begin implementing our Public Relations and Recruiting plan. We are in the process of arranging to have much of our public relations and recruiting work done by an outside agency on a pro bono basis. I will provide more detail on our specific plans in the next newsletter. I would like to thank those alumni on our public relations and recruiting advisory committees for their help. In particular, I would like to thank **Leigh Warner ('89-'90)** who has put much time and thought into helping us put together a strong plan.

Through **Carlos Del Torro ('98-'99)**, we have secured, at no cost, the use of the former presidential yacht Sequoia. We plan to have a reception on the Sequoia for Principals and the current class of Fellows this summer and a reception next fall for Principals and the 2002-2003 class of Fellows.

President Announces New Commissioners

In April, President Bush announced his intention to nominate the following people to the President's Commission on White House Fellowships

Victor Arias of Irving, TX

Myrna Blyth of New York, NY

Corrine Lindy Boggs of New Orleans, LA

Julie Eisenhower of Berwyn, PA

Ronald Fogleman of Durango, CO

Lisa Gable of Portola Valley, CA

William Ellison Grayson of San Francisco, CA

Kay Coles James of Arlington, VA

Jay Johnson of Richmond, VA

Edith Jones of Houston, TX

Jeffrey Pope of Atlanta, GA

William Roper of Chapel Hill, NC

Jim Smith of Tallahassee, FL

Barbara Vucanovich of Reno, NV

WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS PROGRAM OFFICE UPGRADES

I have accepted the kind offer from Scalandre to donate to the White House Fellows office new curtains, guest chairs and new fabric for our conference table chairs. As most of you know, Scalandre has helped to furnish the Oval office and offices in the United States Capital. We also have secured a new four-pedestal reproduction conference table that is more fitting for the high caliber of the White House Fellows program. We also recently painted the offices and are getting new carpeting installed. Finally, we have re-arranged the book shelves and have some memorabilia and photographs on display for all to enjoy. We plan to invite alumni to come visit our new offices once the re-decoration is completed.

Finally, I hope you all read and enjoy the new column we have started for current Fellows to tell you about their year.

The 2001-2002 class continues to excel and is serving the White House Fellows program well.



EDUCATION CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 3-6: Colonias Domestic Policy Study Trip
- 11: Supreme Court Tour
- 12: Marine Corps Policy Study Day Trip to Quantico
- 21: Special Education Policy Discussion
- 25: Washington Center Lecture Series
- 26: John Bridgeland, USA Freedom Corps
- 28: Chris Matthews, MSNBC's "Hardball"

MARCH

- 5: Mrs. Bush's Teacher Preparation Conference
- 7: John Fahey, National Geographic
- 11: Secretary Anthony Principi, Veteran's Affairs
- 12: General Bill Weisse, U.S. Marine Corps
- 14: Breakfast with Colorado School of Mines students
- 16: Habitat for Humanity Community Service Day
- 19: Oral Arguments: Board of Education Pottawatomie County v. Earls
- 20: Secretary Andy Card, White House Chief of Staff
- 21: Presidential Departure, South Lawn Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Supreme Court Kansas Agriculture & Rural Leadership Reception
- 22: Viet Dinh, Department of Justice James Feinerman, Georgetown University
- 25: Karry Marks Hasenbalg, Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute

- 26: Oral Arguments: Republican Party of Minnesota v. Kelly
- 27: D.C. Police Department Ride Along

APRIL

- 1: White House Easter Egg Roll
- 2: Dr. Lester Crawford, Food and Drug Administration
- 3: Military 101 Briefing
- 4: Breakfast with the Canadian Ambassador, Canadian Embassy
- 5: Professor William Kirby, Harvard University
- 11: Jim Moriarty, National Security Council Ted Olson, Department of Justice
- 13: Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Circus
- 16: Gaddi Vasquez, Peace Corps John Gardner Memorial
- 17: General Michael Hamel, U.S. Air Force
- 18: Dinner and a Movie with Jack Valenti, Motion Picture Association
- 19: Dick Clark, National Security Council
- 23: Secretary Mel Martinez, Housing and Urban Development
- 30: Senator John McCain

MAY

- 3-17: International Study trip, China and Vietnam
- 22: Larry Small, Smithsonian Institute
- 23: Ben Bradlee, Washington Post
- 28: Secretary Tommy Thompson, Health and Human Services
- 30: Live viewing of CNN's Crossfire

Colonias Domestic Study Policy Trip

In February, the 2001-2002 White House Fellows class embarked on a domestic policy study trip to the borders shared by Texas, New Mexico and Mexico. There, Fellows met with state and local policy makers, Mexican officials, colonia residents and businessmen to study the socio-economic factors affecting colonias and their neighboring cities. In preparation for their trip, Fellows were also briefed on colonia legislation by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson (R-TX), Congressman Silvestre Reyes (D-TX), and Ana Maria Farias, Senior Counselor to HUD Secretary Mel Martinez.

The White House Fellows kicked off their first full day in Texas with an escorted tour of three colonias. They were accompanied by HUD and Fannie Mae representatives who outlined the complex factors fueling colonia growth and the challenges faced by colonia residents as a result of having limited access to critical infrastructure and potable water. After the tour, Fellows participated in a meeting hosted by the El Paso Colonia Coalition, a group of local non-profit organizations that work with state agencies to improve sub-standard living conditions in colonias.

That afternoon, the Fellows journeyed into Juarez, Mexico, where they toured the non-profit Hospital de la Familia and spoke with its founders, who offered an overview of the numerous health services their hospital provides to low-income residents. Fellows returned to El Paso after an authentic Mexican meal at the home of



Fellows at the Bridge of the Americas in El Paso

the hospital's founder, Guadalupe Arizpe De La Vega.

The next day of their trip began with a tour of New Mexico's colonias and a meeting with the state's Congressional Delegation. Fellows visited two business establishments in the San Pablo colonia, then headed back to El Paso for a reality briefing and live demonstration by the U.S. Customs Services at the Bridge of the Americas. They also observed agents conducting automobile inspections and toured operational facilities. An evening visit with the U.S. Border Patrol took the Fellows through a station processing tour, a live demonstration with Patrol agents

along El Paso's border, and a hold-the-line strategy briefing.

On their last day in El Paso, Fellows met with Mayor Raymond Caballero to discuss the city's unofficial policies on colonias and the challenges that come with being a border community. Their trip concluded at Fort Bliss with a briefing on Joint Task Force 6 (JTF-6), which synchronizes and integrates Department of Defense operational and intelligence supports with domestic law enforcement agency counter-drug efforts to reduce the influx of illegal drugs in America.

By Bruce McClintock ('01-'02)

2001-2002 Class Enthusiastically Embraces Community Service



Habitat Community Service Day

This year's class has upheld a long-standing White House Fellows tradition of participating in community service projects.

In January, the White House Fellows and staff made a donation to the Little White House, an organization that provides mentoring and guidance to youths living in southeast D.C. A Fellows' delegation led by **Jennifer Franke ('01-'02)** presented the donation.

In March, the Fellows brought hammers and saws to work on a home constructed by the D.C. chapter of Habitat for Humanity. The class spent a beautiful Saturday at a site in east D.C. working on the exterior of a Habitat home

being built for a single mother and her family. **Howard Zucker ('01-'02)** discovered that working on the home was "a great opportunity to realize that building a home for one family was building a future for a community."

In April, President Bush asked the nation to assist the Red Cross by assembling 2000 school chests for Afghan children. White House Fellows, their families, and staff members responded to the call by purchasing an assortment of school supplies. Tammy McClintock, wife of **Bruce McClintock ('01-'02)**, praised the program because her daughters "learned that their participation would help children in need on the other side of the world."

Closer to home, Fellows and their families spent a day spring-cleaning at the SEED school in southeast Washington, D.C. SEED, the nation's first charter boarding school, targets students from low-income households who are motivated to apply for entry into competitive colleges. The experience gave Fellows an opportunity to learn of the challenges and advantages of participating in a charter school—an area of particular interest to this year's WHF class.

The Fellows also demonstrated their commitment to developing future public leaders. They previously mentored students from the Center for the Study of the Presidency and The Washington

Center Intern Program, and plan on working with Presidential Classroom students in July.

The 2001-2002 White House Fellows have not only made a positive impact on their community, but have also had the opportunity to learn firsthand how government policies affect citizens locally. **Steve Poizner ('01-'02)** summarizes the experience of participating in community service as being "very rewarding and inspirational," and is convinced that "community service groups, working at the local level, can have a substantial impact on the positive development of its members."